

# THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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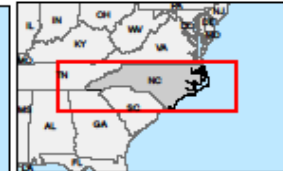
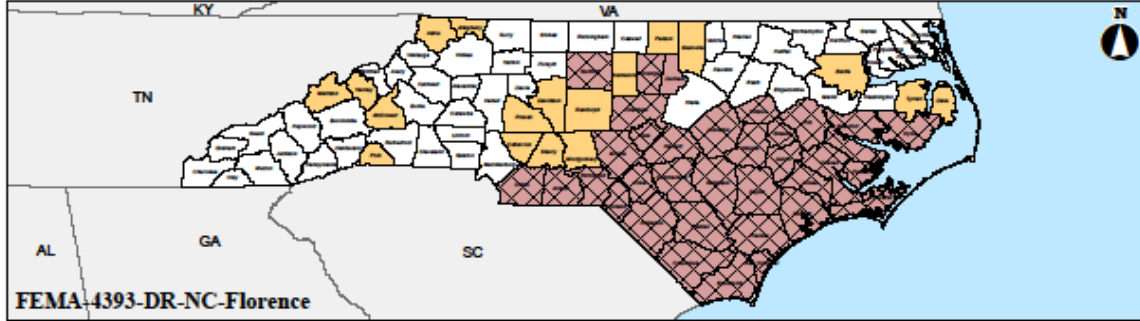


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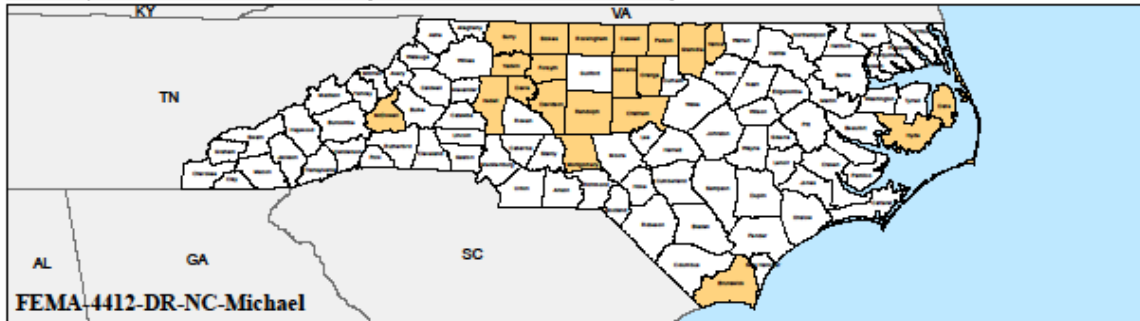


## North Carolina Disaster Declarations

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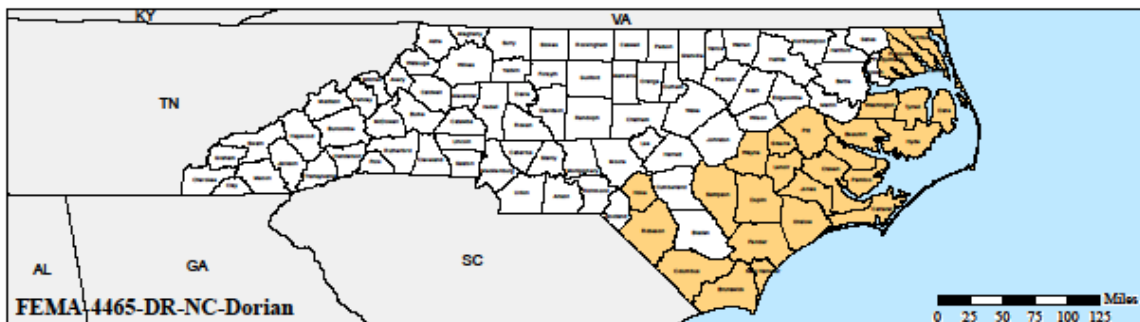


**Data Layer / Map Description:**  
This map displays designated counties for Hurricanes Dorian, Tropical Storm Michael and Hurricane Florence in the State of North Carolina.



**Designated Counties:**

- No Designation
- Individual Assistance
- Individual Assistance and Public Assistance (Categories A - G)
- Public Assistance (Categories A - G)



**FEMA-4393-DR-NC**  
Incident Period: 09/07 - 09/29/2018  
Initial Declaration: 09/14/2018  
Amendment No. 10: 11/15/2018

**FEMA-4412-DR-NC**  
Incident Period: 10/10 - 10/12/2018  
Initial Declaration: 01/31/2019

**FEMA-4465-DR-NC**  
Incident Period: 09/01 - 09/09/2019  
Initial Declaration: 10/4/2019

Data Sources:  
FEMA, ESRI



Map created by: NC DPS/ESRI/MSB/STP | SOURCE: FEMA/ESRI | DATE: 10/10/2019 | 0800 EST | COORDINATE SYSTEM: WGS 1984 World Mercator



# NC Federal Declarations



## Hurricane Florence FEMA-4393-DR-NC

- ❖ Incident Period- September 7-29, 2018
- ❖ Federal Declaration- September 14, 2018

## Tropical Storm Michael FEMA-4412-DR-NC

- ❖ Incident Period- October 10-12, 2018
- ❖ Federal Declaration- January 31, 2019

## Hurricane Dorian FEMA-4465-DR-NC

- ❖ Incident Period- September 1-9, 2019
- ❖ Federal Declaration- October 4, 2019





# Phases of Emergency Management



# Recovery



## 2 Domains:

- ❑ Individual Assistance-helps families and businesses restore after disaster.
- ❑ Public Assistance-helps restore public infrastructure and facilities after disaster.



# Public Assistance Objective



Provide grants to eligible State and Local governments, and certain private non-profits to assist with the cost of responding to and recovering from disasters.



# Introduction to The Public Assistance Program



- Robert T. Stafford Act
- 2 CFR
- 44 CFR
- NC GS 166A





# Obligations and Reimbursements



- ▶ Once projects obligated, the payment process begins.
- ▶ Small Projects
  - ❑ < \$125,500 Hurricane Florence (FFY'18)
  - ❑ < \$128,900 TS Michael (FFY'19)
  - ❑ < \$131,100 Hurricane Dorian (FFY'20)

Determined in coordination with the Consumer Price index each federal fiscal year beginning October 1.





# Historically...



**93%**

**SMALL  
PROJECTS**

**6%**

**LARGE  
PROJECTS**

**1%**

**VERY LARGE  
PROJECTS**

**20%**

**GRANT \$\$**

**26%**

**GRANT \$\$**

**54%**

**GRANT \$\$**



# Categories of Work



- **A- Debris Removal**
- **B- Emergency Protective Measures**
- **C- Roads and Bridges**
- **D- Water Control facilities**
- **E- Buildings and Equipment**
- **F- Utilities**
- **G- Parks and Recreation**



# Special Considerations



❖ Insurance

❖ Environmental Historic Preservation

❖ Mitigation



# Introduction to The New PA Grants Portal



**Recipients (States) and Applicants will have a direct role.**

- Customer Engagement
- Transparency
- Front-end Agreement
- Project Development

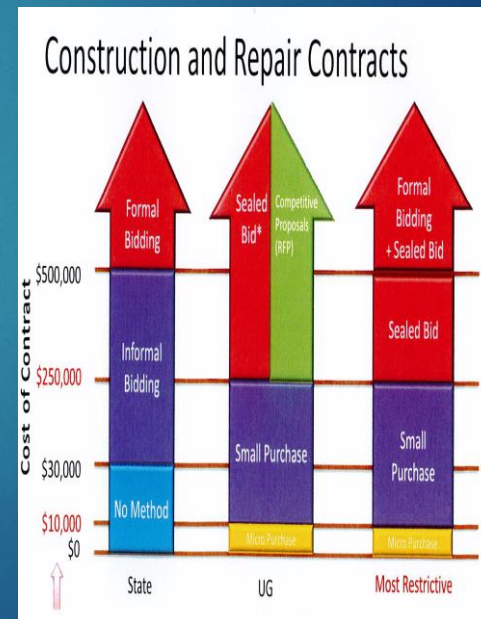
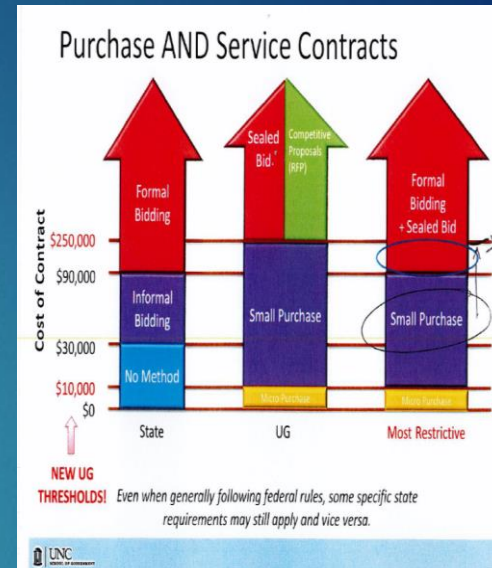
GET IT  
**RIGHT**  
THE  
**FIRST**  
TIME



# Procurement

❑ Minority/Women business Enterprises

❑ Historically Underutilized businesses (HUBs)



# 4 Phases of Grant Administration



-Application

-Award

-Post Award

-Close-out





# Phase 1-Application



- ❑ Preliminary Damage Assessments
- ❑ Request and Approval for Federal Declaration
- ❑ Applicant Briefings
- ❑ Request for Public Assistance (RPA) -  
through the PA Grants Portal





# Phase II- Awards



- Project Formulation
  - Special Considerations
  - Procurements
  
- Obligations



# Phase III- Post Awards



Reimbursements (supporting documentation)

Project Completion



# Phase IV- Final Inspections Reports and Project & Disaster Close-Outs



- Projects are paid up to 75% until completion.
- At that point, members of the PA team will process the Final Inspection Reports.
- Once the Report is approved by FEMA, the remaining 25% will be paid and the project will be closed.
- After all projects are closed, the disaster reconciles for a programmatic close-out





# Summary





# Q & A

Archives  
Storm Ocracoke  
Libraries Island  
Dorian Mitigation  
Hurricane  
North Carolina  
Florence  
Response  
Disaster Preparedness  
Museums Recovery  
Michael Tropical

